

OTHER FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds Highlights

Cemeteries Fund

The FY 11-12 Cemeteries budget is decreasing by less than 1%, or \$708. The General Fund contribution has increased to \$437,000 from \$299,000 in FY 10-11. This increase is due to a diminished fund balance and revenue losses from user charges.

Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Fund

In FY 91-92, the City of Greensboro and the Greensboro Area Convention and Visitors Bureau began sharing a 3% Occupancy Tax levied on all hotel/motel rooms within the City limits. The City uses its proceeds to support debt service payments for various capital improvements at the Coliseum. Revenues for FY 11-12 are budgeted to decrease slightly, about 2%, or \$63,000. The use of fund balance has increased to \$206,000 in FY 11-12 from \$74,000 in FY 10-11.

Nussbaum Housing Partnership Revolving Fund

The Nussbaum Housing Partnership Revolving Fund receives proceeds from the property tax levy to fund affordable housing programs plus funds to offset the cost of the historic preservation district program.

Beginning in FY 11-12, the primary funding support for the fund will come directly from a 0.7 cent tax levy. Previously, the approximate value generated by this tax levy had been transferred to the Partnership Fund from the General Fund.

Municipal Service Districts Fund

Beginning in FY 04-05, the downtown area became an official Business Improvement District (BID), levying an additional 9 cents of property tax on owners within the district. The generated funds are used for efforts to revitalize the district through economic development initiatives. A Special District Tax is levied on property owners in the Aycock and College Hill Historic District neighborhoods for special public right-of-way improvements. The tax rate for College Hill was reduced from 5 cents per \$100 of valuation to 1 cent per \$100 of valuation in FY 11-12 while the tax rate for Aycock remained at 5 cents. Historic District MSD funds are used for projects such as maintenance and repair of signs, fences, trash receptacles, landscaping and streetscape enhancements.

State Highway Allocation (Powell Bill) Fund

The FY 11-12 State Highway Fund budget is remaining the same as the previous year. This fund decreased by \$300,000 in FY 10-11 due to a reduction in revenues to be received from the State.

Stormwater Management Fund

The Stormwater Program manages the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff and helps protect limited water resources throughout the City. The Stormwater Fund is decreasing \$261,000 or 2.8% in FY 11-12. The transfer to Stormwater Capital Fund is \$1.56 million, approximately \$398,000 less than FY 10-11.

Street and Sidewalk Revolving Fund

The FY 11-12 Street and Sidewalk Revolving Fund budget remains the same as the previous year. In prior years, most of this fund's expenditures for street and sidewalk construction were financed through appropriations from fund balance (generated through prior year assessments to property owners and revenues from a portion of the Motor Vehicle License Tax that was previously recorded in this fund). There is no longer sufficient fund balance to continue to finance significant projects from this fund.

Guilford Metro 911 Fund

The Guilford Metro 911 Fund supports the consolidated City-County emergency communications function. In FY 11-12, the budget is \$9,183,737, an increase of approximately \$1.2 million from the previous year. \$423,900 in 911 Wireless fund balance is appropriated to fund 12 new full-time call in-take positions in FY 11-12.

Guilford County will pay a percentage of the overall cost of the consolidated department based on the percentage of County calls dispatched. For FY 11-11, the County's share will increase from 30% to 31% or \$1,813,403. In addition, the fund is supported by wired and wireless 911 fees, and transfers from both the Technical Services Fund and General Fund.

Debt Service Fund Highlights

The Debt Service Fund will decrease by 8.2%, or approximately \$2.3 million, in FY 11-12. General obligation bond expenses represent principal and interest payments associated with bonds approved in 2000, 2006, 2008, and 2009. In FY 11-12 the

City intends to issue \$30 million in approved bonds. The current City plan is to only issue debt for which the debt service equals that of the bonds being retired.

Enterprise Fund Highlights

Greensboro Area Transit Authority Fund

The FY 11-12 GTA budget increases by \$1.0 million, or 5%, from the previous year. Contracted transportation for FY 11-12 increases by \$662,961, or 4.5% as compared to the previous year. The FY 11-12 budget includes a \$570,000, or 37% increase in diesel fuel. As a result of the FY 11-12 budget reduction process, the budget includes a 0.13 cent reduction in GTA's portion of the property tax rate. The value of this reduction is \$350,000 and is accounted for in the General Fund tax rate. The GTA matching grant line item was reduced as a result of the reduction in property tax revenues to GTA. This reduction will not influence service levels in FY 11-12 but could potentially influence GTA's ability to fund late-night services in FY 12-13 which is currently funded through a federal grant that expires at the end of FY 11-12.

Parking Fund

The FY 11-12 Parking Funds budget increases by 6%, or \$155,511. It includes several one-time expenses including elevator upgrades, pressure cleaning and camera upgrades at Greene Street, Church and Bellemeade Parking Decks. Ongoing increases in security at various parking decks is included in FY 11-12 and FY 12-13. The FY 11-12 budget includes revenue increases based on a \$2 entry fee on nights and weekends in the parking decks beginning January 2012.

Solid Waste Management Fund

Pursuant to Council directive, the City opened a transfer station in October, 2006 to accept municipal solid waste as an alternative to the White Street Landfill. \$9.7 million, or 52.8% of the Solid Waste Management Fund budget is attributed to disposal and transportation costs associated with transferring Greensboro's municipal solid waste to Montgomery County's landfill. This is less than the original estimated amount due to a 7% reduction in the contract with Hilco for hauling costs. This is an estimated savings of approximately \$800,000. The total cost of the Transfer Station, including debt service, is budgeted at \$11.8 million. The FY 11-12 budget includes a General Fund Transfer of \$3.9 million.

War Memorial Coliseum Complex Fund

The War Memorial Coliseum Complex is scheduled to receive General Fund transfers of \$1.47 million in both FY 11-12 and in FY 12-13 to support ongoing operations. The Greensboro Aquatic Center (GAC) is set to open its doors in August, 2011 and has already booked 18 meets with an anticipated participant attendance of 9,260 and meet spectator attendance of 41,100. The new White Oak Amphitheatre opened on Sunday, June 5th, with the Beach Boys in Concert and is projected to generate additional revenue to help offset the projected operating deficit of the aquatic center in FY 11-12. Programming highlights for FY 11-12 include Women's ACC Basketball Tournaments and the Men's NCAA 2nd and 3rd round tournament games, along with a host of family show, convention and musical show attractions.

Water Resources Enterprise Fund

The Water Resources Fund is remaining the same in FY 11-12 as compared to FY 10-11. Water Resources is not proposing a rate increase for FY 11-12. This budget also decreases the fund balance appropriation by almost \$3.0 million. Total fund balance appropriation is \$250,083. The FY 11-12 budget reflects a \$500,000 decrease in payments associated with Water and Sewer Bond Retirement. Total debt service is \$20.8 million. Expenditures associated with capital costs such as improvements or capital equipment purchases is \$2.1 million, or 71% less than FY 10-11. Capital outlay totals \$865,000 for FY 11-12. This budget increases transfers to Water & Sewer Capital Improvement accounts by approximately \$2.8 million, or 23.6%. This transfer totals \$14.5 million for FY 11-12.

Water Resources uses funds from revenue bonds and Capital Reserve funds for many capital improvements. Some of the projects that will be taking place over the next two years include the Hilltop Road Sewer Lift Station, Peach Orchard Sewer Upgrade, Sanitary Sewer and Water Line Rehabilitation and Expansion, various improvements at the T. Z. Osborne wastewater treatment plant, and upgrades at the Mitchell and Townsend Water Treatment Plants.

Fund Summary-Other Funds

Internal Service Fund Highlights

Capital Leasing Fund

All costs associated with the lease-purchase of capital by the City are budgeted in the Capital Leasing Fund. Lease-purchase financing is secured from private lenders, and the capital items to be purchased are budgeted in this fund along with the capitalization of items, such as computers, that are leased. Funds that utilize capital leasing for equipment purchases, such as the Equipment Services Fund, provide revenue for the principal and interest payments associated with this equipment.

Network Services/Telecommunications Fund

In FY 06-07, the Network Services function, which provides support for all networked systems throughout the organization, was transferred into the Telecommunications Fund from the General Fund. The FY 11-12 Budget is about \$1.7 million greater than the current year budget. This change includes \$2.5 million in accounting changes, and approximately \$330,000 in reductions to service fees.

Equipment Services Fund

The transfer of custodianship of rolling stock to Equipment Services began in FY 94-95. Equipment Services has taken full responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of most motorized equipment as well as trailers, snow plows and other non-motorized equipment.

The Equipment Services Fund budget for FY 11-12 decreases \$3.4 million or 16.0%. Capital outlay is decreasing approximately \$3.5 million to \$5.8 million. Equipment Services reduced the rates charged to departments for licensed and non-licensed vehicles in FY 10-11 by reviewing usage and adjusting life cycles of various vehicle types. Also beginning in FY 10-11, all licensed vehicles will be purchased in the Equipment Services Fund, whereas previously some vehicles were budgeted for replacement in the Capital Leasing Fund.

Graphic Services Fund

The Graphic Services Fund operates as a self-sufficient entity, providing printing services to City of Greensboro and Guilford County departments. In FY 03-04 the City's Supply and Mailroom functions

were merged into the Graphic Services Fund. The FY 11-12 budget decreases by 18.2%, or about \$244,000 through the elimination of two positions and one copier lease. All of this fund's expenses are charged back to user departments.

Insurance Funds

The General Insurance Fund is a self-insurance fund established to accumulate claim reserves and to pay claims and administrative fees for general liability and workers compensation, including vehicle, public official and law enforcement liability. The Employee Insurance Fund was established to account for employee health and dental insurance.

In FY 11-12, the Insurance Funds are increasing by approximately \$350,000 or less than 1%. This increase is lower than in previous years. Combined, the insurance funds will transfer approximately \$920,000 to the General Fund in FY 11-12 to offset General Fund expenditures.

These funds were established in FY 94-95 as internal service funds, in accordance with new accounting policies under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Previously, these funds were treated as trust funds for which State law does not require annual budget appropriations.

Technical Services Fund

The Technical Services Division of Guilford Metro 911 designs, installs and maintains communications and security equipment systems for the City and provides services to Guilford County, the Town of Gibsonville, the City of Burlington and other public safety and general government agencies.

The FY 11-12 Technical Services Fund budget is decreasing by approximately 18% or \$841,120 compared to FY 10-11. In FY 10-11 \$1.5 million in fund balance was appropriated to fund the FCC mandated "rebanding" or upgrade that required replacement of equipment and approximately 800 radios that reached the end of support in June 2011 used by both general government and public safety.

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